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Planning Services Section



Mr. William D. Gilmore, P.E., Manager Planning and Environmental Branch North Carolina Division of Highways Post Office Box 25201 Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-5201

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

This is in response to a letter from your office dated February 23, 1998, requesting our comments on the "Federal Environmental Assessment for US 70, Havelock Bypass, Craven County, State Project No. 8.T170701, Federal Aid Project No. STP-NHF-F-56-4(34), TIP ID No. R-1015" (Regulatory Branch Action I.D. 199302466).

Our comments involve impacts to flood plains and jurisdictional resources, which include waters, wetlands, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects. There are no Corps projects which would be impacted by the proposed improvements. Enclosed are our comments on the other issues.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

C. E. Shuford, Jr., P.E.

Chief, Technical Services Division

Enclosure